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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 9, 2006, and the Office Action dated December 2, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 9, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/APPM/007729/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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